

## Forum For Living Offers Scholarship And Awards

High school seniors who are sons and daughters of employees of Sprague Electric Company have an opportunity to compete for college scholarships and other awards totaling \$8,000 by participating in a state-wide public service campaign entitled "Forum for Living."

Aimed to promote a better way of life through safety in the home, on the highway, and at work, the program has been launched by casualty insurance companies serving Massachusetts with the cooperation of Registrar of Motor Vehicles Rudolph A. King. All high school seniors in public, parochial and private schools are eligible. The deadline for submitting entries is February 8.

Complete details and rules of the competition for which state safety officials, municipal officials and prominent residents will serve as judges may be obtained by writing to "Forum for Living", 209 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

The college scholarship competition will combine essays on safety topics, which seniors will be given an opportunity to submit, and a series of 14 weekly radio quiz shows on which the competitors will be asked to answer questions on home and highway safety.

Starting Sunday, February 26, the quiz shows will be aired over radio stations in Boston, Fall River, Lawrence, Hyannis, Springfield, Greenfield, Worcester and Pittsfield.

Winners of the weekly radio competitions will receive \$25 U. S. Savings Bonds and the opportunity to enter the semi-finals. The winners will be brought to Boston for a broadcast over a state-wide hook-up which will be the final round of competition for the six scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$300 at a college or an institution of higher learning of their own choice.

High school seniors have been chosen as a group to stress highway and home



Joan Bryce of the Main Office who helps take care of the bookkeeping for our Credit Union.

safety because, according to John O. Nilan, forum chairman, "they are the car and home owners of tomorrow and are on the threshold of civic responsibility."

The competition for high school seniors is the first feature of the continuous public service campaign sponsored by the insurance companies which is planned to include health seminars and other civic gatherings and activities, all in the interest of a better and safer way of living for Massachusetts residents.

## MANAGEMENT DINNER

One hundred eighty-four Sprague employees and their wives attended the Management Club dinner-dance in the Richmond Hotel Blue Room on Saturday, January 14. The music was furnished by Marshand's Orchestra.

## GRAND JURY DUTY

Laurence Haskins of the Battery Department and Raymond Calvi of the Office are among the five Northern Berkshire men who reported in Pittsfield on January 23 for Grand Jury duty.

## BENEFIT FUND

Covering period beginning with the first deductions during the week ending October 29, 1949 and ending January 1, 1950:

Collected in deductions	\$1,472.50
Paid out to employees	200.00
Pledged to Community Chest	2,000.00
(to be paid in installments in 1950)	
Approximate number of employees contributing	1,400.

## CREDIT UNION PROVIDES FOR AUTOMATIC SAVINGS Operates Under State Banking Laws

Did you know that we have a small Savings Bank of our own at Sprague Electric and that it operates in the same manner and under the same laws as any regular Savings Bank? This bank, under the name of Sprague Electric Credit Union, has been in operation since 1940 and has assets of \$134,792.25 as of December 31, 1949.

Back in 1940 a group of employees who had the needs and welfare of their fellow workers in mind got together and formed the Sprague Electric Credit Union with \$68.50 capital supplied by the group which included: Ellsworth Griffin, Harry Cassidy, Helen Albine, August Lindquist, Harry Lovett, Stanley Denoyan, Loran Underwood, Loretta Plankey, Crawford Bellows, Ida Marceau, Lars Anderson, Leo Lemoine, Howard Sherman, Lydia Plankey, Roderick MacAlpine, Theophile Rondeau and Maurice Chonard. Their by-laws state clearly the object of the Credit Union as "wholly cooperative being organized solely for the promotion of thrift among its members by accumulation of their savings in small amounts and the loaning of such accumulation to its members for provident purposes."

Since its beginning the Credit Union has grown rapidly until now it requires the services of two full-time workers to keep its affairs in order. They are Joan Bryce and Gloria Pedrin of the Beaver Street Office who, under the guidance and supervision of Stanley Denoyan and Lars Andersen, take care of our money for us. On our part it is all very simple. We simply express our desire to save a little of our paycheck each week, sign an application blank, and the clerks do the rest.

The first evidence we receive of having a savings account is a small pass

book in which to keep a record of our weekly savings. Any time we wish to have the book checked we send it up to Joan and she returns it to us after bringing it up to date. Our checks each week show the pay roll deduction for our savings. In other words, the necessity of our handling the money is eliminated — saving is automatic.

As soon as we have five dollars in the bank, we own a share of the Credit Union and are eligible for whatever dividend will be paid that year, provided we leave our money there until interest accrues. If, however, we find we need the money and wish to draw it out of the bank, we sign a withdrawal slip which is sent to the Credit Union Department. A check for the amount we wish to withdraw is sent to the respective plants.

If we wish to borrow money, and one must be a member, owning one five-dollar share to get a loan, we sign an application which is submitted to the Credit Committee for approval. Upon approval it goes to the Treasurer whose capable helpers send out a check to the borrower. If the loan is for more than one hundred dollars, the borrower must have a co-signer, someone who is employed at Sprague's and who meets the requirements. The requirements for both borrower and co-signer are based on length of service with the Company, dependability as

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## Some Familiar Faces At Management Dinner January 14th



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## A Safety Menace-Who Am I?

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world.

I have destroyed more men than all the wars of the nations.

I am more deadly than bullets, and I have wrecked more homes than the mightiest of guns.

I steal in the United States alone over \$500,000,000 each year.

I spare no one, and I find my victims among the rich and the poor alike, the young and the old, the strong and the weak, Widows and Orphans know me.

I loom up to such proportions that I cast my shadow over every field of

labor, from the turning of every grindstone to the moving of every railroad train.

I massacre thousands upon thousands of wage earners in a year.

I lurk in unseen places, and do most of my work silently. You are warned against me, but you heed not.

I am relentless.

I am everywhere—in the home, on the street, in the factory, at railroad crossings, and on the sea.

I bring sickness, degradation and death, and yet few seek to avoid me.

I destroy, crush and maim; I give nothing but take all.

I am your worst enemy.

I am CARELESSNESS!!

## Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Zolpek have announced the engagement of their daughter, Josephine, to Walter J. Czubry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Czubry. Josephine works in the Battery Department.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Johnson have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy, to Frederick W. Howcroft. Dorothy is employed in the Main Office at Beaver Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Moresi have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gloria, to George D. Dragotta. Gloria is a secretary in the Factory Engineering Office at Beaver Street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fenton have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to James Elliott of Reservoir Road. Margaret is employed in the Office and James works in Ceramics at Marshall Street. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Rivard have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Elaine, to Stanley John Stachura of Adams. The wedding will take place April 15. Dorothy works in the Sample Department.

Mrs. Ella Perras has announced the engagement of her daughter Ellen, to Joseph Zona. Ellen is in the Sample Department and Joseph works in Rolling at Marshall Street.

## Weddings

GASPARDI-CHILSON

Miss Elaine Chilson of Section Test became the bride of Sergeant Enrico Gasparidi on January 7, in the First Baptist Church. For their wedding trip the couple went to Vermont and Canada.

## Births

DAUGHTER, Amy Frances, to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Charles Wilson on January 10. The happy father is "Tank" of Ceramics, Marshall Street.

## Attends Dedication

William Stackpole, co-chairman of the Red Cross Blood Program for North Adams, attended the dedication of a new Red Cross Regional Blood Center in Boston on January 16. The center was dedicated by General George Marshall, President of the National Red Cross and will do the work formerly done in State laboratories under a contract agreement.

## Sprague Men at RMA Conference

William J. Nolan and Robert C. Sprague, Jr., attended the Radio Manufacturers Association Seminar in New York on January 18-19. Jack Washburn, our Personnel Manager, acted as one of the Conference leaders for the Seminar.

## R. C. Sprague Jr. to Serve on Committees

Robert C. Sprague, Jr., Industrial Relations Adviser for Sprague Electric Company, has been chosen to serve again on the Industrial Relations Committee of the National Electrical Manufacturer's Association and to be a member of a sub-committee on government contracts.

## KNOW YOUR FOREMAN



Henry Gamari, Foreman of Retail Sales at Marshall Street.

Henry Francis Gamari, Foreman of Retail Sales at Marshall Street, smiles when you call him "Hank" and goes through his interview giving the impression that he enjoys his work as much as he enjoys his outside activities which are numerous and varied.

"Hank" came to Sprague's in 1933 in the Winding Department. From there he went to Paper Rolling, from Paper Rolling to Dry Formation and, in 1936, to Retail Sales where he has settled himself to take as much responsibility as he can possibly wangle. "I love responsibility", Hank said, "the more the better."

The nearest he has come to being a radio announcer, one of his life's ambitions, was to announce the World Series over the Plant loudspeakers for a couple of years. We have a feeling that he hasn't given up that ambition entirely.

"Hank" is a native of North Adams, married Catherine Dean of North Adams in 1933, and has three children, Henry and Robert, both students at Drury High School, and a daughter, Joan. He is an active sportsman having helped organize the North Adams Softball League, the North Adams Baseball League, and having served as Manager of the Sprague Softball Team.

At present, he umpires the North Adams Softball League although he thinks he may play in that league next year. He also enjoys fishing and spends a great deal of his spare time on the banks of some stream with his sons and Mario Magnani who works in Retail Sales. He likes music, both classical and popular, and books — particularly cowboy funnies.

He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, and takes a great interest in politics. As a member of a family of eleven, he has had good practice in the art of discussion and debate.

The Retail Sales Department handles replacement parts for radios, television sets, motors, et cetera and ships those parts to retail jobbers in this country and abroad. Eighteen employees keep this work rolling along in an orderly, efficient manner. It is probably no accident since Hank's ready smile and alert eye make it easy to cooperate with him. His reply to that suggestion was, "Mr. Kalker is the boss, really. I just do everything I'm supposed to do and like doing it."

Incidentally, "Hank" says he is nineteen years old, weighs 110 pounds, and stands five feet seven inches in his stocking feet! We leave the rest to you.

## SCOUT COMMITTEE

Tom Cullen of the Planning Department has been elected to serve on the Executive Committee Berkshire Boy Scout Council Board. He is also Organization and Extension Chairman of the Trail District which is a part of the Berkshire Council.

## BLOOD DONORS

Isabelle Hyndman, Lawrence Duf-raine, Henry Gamari and John B. Davis were among those donating blood to the North Adams Hospital blood bank during the Christmas holidays.







SPORTS . . .

Sprague Lassies' Basketball Team



The Sprague Lassies now have won 4 and lost 1 to date. The club has been booked for weeks in advance, thanks to the hard contact work of Manager Art Mathews.

The only defeat has been at the hands of the Professional Drug of Pittsfield and that only after an over-time battle score 43-41.

Below are the three box scores of the latest games:

Sprague Lassies 41- Prof. Drugs 43

This box score below is the *only* game to-date that the Sprague Lassies have lost.

Professional Drugs			
	B.	F.	P.
N. Fitch, rf.....	7	3	17
J. Renzi, rf.....	0	1	1
L. Belair, cf.....	0	3	3
A. Vaughn, lf.....	0	0	0
M. Staviski, lf.....	1	2	4
J. Smithies, lf.....	0	0	0
G. Zajchowski, rg.....	4	0	8
M. Degare, rg.....	0	0	0
P. Zajchowski, lg.....	3	1	7
N. Homich, cg.....	0	1	1
Masseri, cg.....	1	0	2
Totals.....	16	11	43

Sprague Lassies			
	B.	F.	P.
D'Arcangelo, rf.....	2	0	4
P. Gilmore, rf.....	5	0	10
V. Wisnowski, lf.....	2	4	8
L. Meranti, cf.....	8	0	16
J. LaPierre, cf.....	0	0	0
L. Greene, cg.....	0	2	2
K. Perenick, cg.....	0	0	0
L. Damon, lg.....	0	0	0
M. Wittig, lg.....	0	1	1
J. Roy, rg.....	0	0	0
C. Chalifoux, rg.....	0	0	0
Totals.....	17	7	41

Sprague Lassies Win

The Sprague Lassies won easily over the Haydenville Raiderettes for their third straight victory of the year in the first half of the double header, the score being 46-13. The home team took an early lead and increased its margin as the contest went along. Miss Meranti and Miss Wisnowski were high scorers with 14 and 12 points respectively, while Miss D'Arcangelo and Miss Gilmore contributed eight points each. Miss Jones was best for the visitors. The summary:

Sprague Lassies			
	B.	F.	P.
D'Arcangelo, rf.....	3	2	8
Gilmore, rf.....	4	0	8
Wisnowski, lf.....	6	0	12
Meranti, cf.....	7	0	14
LaPierre, cf.....	1	0	2
Greene, cg.....	0	0	0
Perenick, cg.....	0	0	0
Damon, lg.....	0	0	0
Wittig, lg.....	1	0	2
Roy, rg.....	0	0	0
Chalifoux, rg.....	0	0	0
Totals.....	22	2	46

Haydenville Raiderettes

	B.	F.	P.
Kucinski, rf.....	0	0	0
Baldwin, rf.....	1	0	2
D. Ryan, lf.....	2	0	4
L. Jones, cf.....	2	3	7
Smith, cg.....	0	0	0
Martin, rg.....	0	0	0
M. Ryan, lg.....	0	0	0
Culver, lg.....	0	0	0
Totals.....	5	3	13

Sprague Lassies Win

The Sprague Lassies of this city won another victory in the first half of the double header, turning back the Bernardston Alumnae by the score of 31-19. The local team led most of the way but the opposition was keen at times, especially in the last half. The score at intermission stood 15-7 in favor of the home team. Miss Meranti was the star of the contest. She hooped nine floor baskets for the winners. Miss Deane was best for the Bernardston team with 10 points. It was the fourth win in five starts for the Sprague Lassies who have lost only to the Professional Drug of Pittsfield this season. The summary:

Sprague Lassies			
	B.	F.	P.
P. Gilmore, lf.....	2	1	5
J. LaPierre, lf.....	1	0	2
D'Arcangelo, rf.....	2	1	5
C. Chalifoux, rf.....	0	0	0
L. Meranti, c.....	9	0	18
M. Wittig, lg.....	0	1	1
J. Roy, rg.....	0	0	0
L. Greene, cf.....	0	0	0
K. Perenick, cg.....	0	0	0
Totals.....	14	3	31

Bernardston Alumnae			
	B.	F.	P.
P. Streeter, rg.....	0	0	0
C. Barker, lg.....	0	0	0
Shores, lg.....	2	1	5
L. Deane, c.....	4	2	10
L. Shedd, rf.....	1	1	3
S. Gale, rf.....	0	0	0
R. Petrin, lf.....	0	1	1
R. Wyatt, cg.....	0	0	0
Gruskowski, cg.....	0	0	0
Totals.....	7	5	19

Referee, George St. Pierre.

Sprague Electric Girls' Bowling League (January 17)



TEAM STANDINGS:—

	Won	Lost
Beaverettes.....	38	13
Paper Ignition.....	31	20
Industrial Oils.....	29	22
Alley Cats.....	27	24
W. E. Rollers.....	27	24
Independents.....	20	31
Dry Rolling.....	19	32
D.T.Q.....	14	37

High Ind. Single—M. LeFebure	124
High Ind. Triple—C. Risch	325
High Team Single—Paper Ign.	489
High Team Triple—Paper Ign.	1384
Strikes—Hazel Martel	12
Low Ind. Single—Ina Lowe	37
Low Ind. Triple—Ina Lowe	163

High Ind. Ave. on Each Team Are:

Hazel Martel—P. Ign.....	93.6	51
Eleanor Stack—D.T.Q.....	90.6	36
C. Shaker—Beaverettes...	89.9	48
M. Wohler—Independents.	89.9	50
Nancy Puppolo—Ind. Oils.	88	36
Dot DePaoli—Alley Cats...	86.2	48
Jeannette Roy—Dry R....	85.4	48
"Sis" Perenick—W. E. R...	84.3	39

Final Standing for Second Round

	Won	Lost
Molders.....	15	6
Dry Rolling.....	13	8
Inspectors.....	12	9
Sprague Products.....	11	10
K.V.A.....	10	11
Can Shop.....	9	12
D.T.Q.....	9	12
F. P. Drys.....	5	16

Kenny Russell

Northern Berkshire High School Basketball

ADAMS HIGH:—

Coach Boehner's boys continue to dominate all opposition as they have now chalked up 11 in a row and their 5th in league competition. A hard fought tussle with Drury has been their closest to defeat. By downing Drury and then taking a good Cathedral club into camp have been the high lights of the current campaign to date. The Adams red and white played its banner game against Cathedral. Paul Brissette of Cathedral took scoring honors as he hit the twines for 24 points. However Joe Kaczela of Adams also netted over 20 points.

PITTSFIELD HIGH:—

Coach Fox and his Shire City lads also remain undefeated in league competition with 5 wins. Pittsfield St. Joseph threw a scare into the "Purple" when they nearly pulled the game out of the fire in their 1st of two clashes. The coming meeting with Adams High will undoubtedly determine the strength between these two very good school boy fives. Comparative scores mean nothing in high school play and we look forward to a whale of a scrap when these two teams answer the opening whistle.

DRURY HIGH:—

Drury has won 2 and lost 3 in league tilts and Coach Boisvert's blue and white will have to battle to even hold third place in the league standings. As mentioned before Drury plays hot and cold. Following a close defeat by the Mother Town—Drury fell before a belated rally that brought Pittsfield St. Joseph a thrilling 2 point win after Drury looked like a certain winner. This defeat was a bitter pill to swallow and when the "Blue Devils" reentered the Shire City to oppose Pittsfield High—little hope was held for a victory. And such was the case when the Pittsfield Five humbled our Tunnel City boys 60 to 41. Drury made a game of it for at least a quarter but after that Pittsfield just drew away to win handily.

WILLIAMSTOWN:—

Coach Mickey Smith's College Towners have dropped all of its home games plus one on the road and are anchored in the cellar with a record of 0 wins and 5 losses. Williamstown has scored a raft of points this season, but the opposition just scores a little more. This team is, as mentioned before, capable of knocking off some of the better clubs and we look to a few upsets before this season comes to a close.

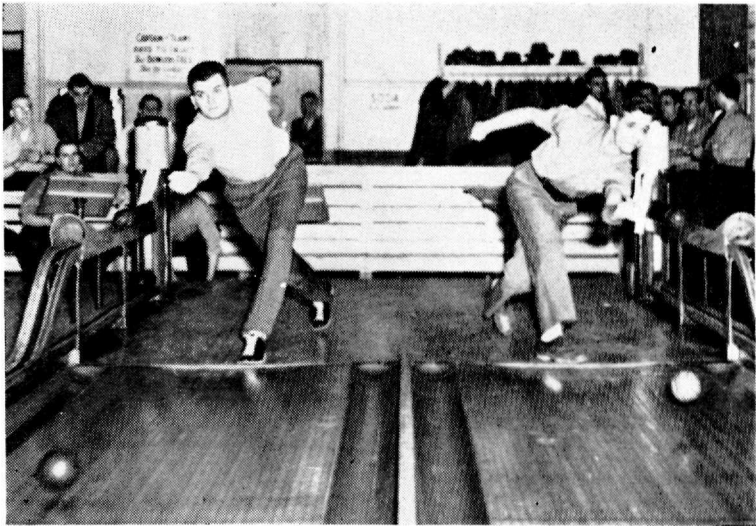
PITTSFIELD ST. JOSEPH:—

Here is a club that is so far the startling sensation of the league. We tabbed the Parochial boys for a cellar position and they have proved otherwise. The most improved team in the league with notable wins over Drury and Williamstown and a whale of a battle with their city rivals—they bowed only 39 to 35 to Pittsfield High.

DALTON HIGH:—

Dark horse Dalton has won 3 and dropped 3 and are currently tied for 3rd spot in league standings. Although in the upper brackets of the league a clearer picture of their future will be determined when they collide with the opposition on their courts. Right now Coach Kellar's five are a deliberate scrappy squad and can make any club really step when they perform on the home court.

A company is a lot like the human body. The head may give the signal to go — but it's the feet that get you there!...Either a wrong decision by the head, or a wrong step by the feet, may lead to trouble. It is when both the head and the feet work in harmony that the whole body is healthy and we go places.



The boys with their eyes on the pins are Joe Lipa of Miscellaneous Dry Rolling and Wilfred Rondeau of the F. P. Drys.

NORTH ADAMS ST. JOSEPH:—

Alas — Coach Bill Barry's scrappy little five is sharing the cellar with Williamstown, with 5 defeats in a row. The latest at the hands of Drury 47-29. After hitting regularly on the foul line in earlier contests the Parochial five has slipped badly. In the Drury contest they were able to count only 13 in 34 from the free throw line. Coupled with hard luck on their set shots have indeed left the local five at a decided disadvantage. However the St. Joseph Jayvees have compiled a remarkable record in registering 10 wins in 11 starts. Their only loss was to Pittsfield and this was in the last 20 seconds. This is a good sign that a rosy future is in store for the local club. Coach Ray Bergeron and his boys are to be congratulated.

Williams College Winter Sports BASKETBALL:—

After dropping their 1st 4 games, the Williams five got on the winning side of the ledger when they dumped the Wesleyan "Cardinals" and copped an easy win. Only accurate foul shooting kept Wesleyan in the scoring column as the shots from the floor were few and far between.

Williams continued on the winning trail by trouncing the North Adams State Teachers College 66-38.

Incidentally the cheer leaders for the NASTC never gave up and their enthusiasm and performance added the necessary tonic to an otherwise listless basketball game. Tempers flared briefly during the third quarter, but during the heat of any games this is apt to happen.

Coach Shaw and his lads should give a good account of its talents in remaining games on the schedule. The Amherst game *should* be something to see.

SWIMMING:—

Coach Bob Muir's tank men opened its season by bowing before a strong team from Brown University. The only bright spot in the meet was the performance of Bob Reid who established a new pool record at Brown in the 440 yd. free style.

In the next meet, however, Williams beat the Springfield Mermen by the narrow margin of a point—37-36. Springfield has a strong team and Williams was really extended to win. Bob Reid, established a new New England Pool Record for the 220 and 440, while Wymnan also lowered the time in the 150 yd. backstroke.

SQUASH:—

Coach Chaffee's squash team won a hard fought victory over Army 5-4.

Later in a home encounter against an exceptionally strong Yale squad — the "Purple" were decisively whipped —8-1.

WRESTLING:—

The Williams Matmen have split in their last two outings. They were vanquished by Brown after a bitter struggle, but bounced back to take the Springfield Gymnast in decisive fashion.

HOCKEY:—

The hockey team under the tutelage of Coach Frank Bell are now holding forth home games in Troy, N. Y.

They opened there with a victory at the Troy Rink by disposing of R.P.I. —7-0.

The Square Ring

The "Ring" rating for the past year still leaves the Heavyweight World's Champion title vacant.

Ezzard Charles is rated tops on the list with Jersey Joe Walcott, Lee Oma, Bruce Woodcock and Lee Savold following.

In the light heavyweights Freddie Mills holds the title with Joey Maxim topping the list and Archie Moore, Leonard Morrow and Harold Johnson following.

In the middleweight class Jake LaMotta has the title with Ray Robinson, Dave Sands, Steve Belloise and Robert Villemain following.

In the welterweight class Ray Robinson holds the title with Kid Gavilon, George Costner, Bernard Docusen and Charley Fusori following.

Ike Williams holds the lightweight class title with Freddie Dawson, Arthur King, Maxie Docusen, Sonny Boy West and Art Aragon following.

In the featherweight class Willie Pep holds the title with Sandy Saddler, Ray Famechon, Ronnie Clayton and Henry Davis following.

Bantamweight: Manuel Ortiz holds the title with Luis Romeo, Danny O'Sullivan, Elley Bennett and Louis Galvani following.

With Villemain winning the ten-round decision from the middleweight champion, Jack LaMotta is given the title "fighter of the month."

Joey Maxim, leading light heavyweight, stopped Pat McCafferty in four rounds and beat Bill Peterson in ten.

Harold Johnson, defeated Bert Lytell in a ten-round decision.

Kid Gavilon scored an upset by licking Laurent Danthiulle in a ten-round decision.

Bernard Docusen stopped Tippy Larkin in six rounds in the welterweight class.

Sugar Ray Robinson, world welterweight champion, is the only fighter rated in two divisions. He is champ of the welterweight class and leading contender for the middleweight title.

Doc Williams is not mentioned in the Ring rating of 1949.

Joey Maxim who ranks the best in the light heavyweight class is a white boy. He has been matched to fight Freddie Mills who holds the light heavyweight championship sometime this month.

Ezzard Charles' career as a wrestling referee stopped when he suffered a leg injury while refereeing a match between Jim London and Wee Willie Davis.

Peter Mancuso